

PAB Series  
TYPE LL  
REGULATED DC POWER SUPPLIES  
OPERATION MANUAL

PAB 18-4.5  
PAB 18-5.5  
PAB 32-3

## Request to Users

### ■ Operations

- This products must be used only by qualified personnel who understand the contents of this operation manual. If it is handled by disqualified personnels. Electrical hazards may result. Be sure to handle it under supervision of qualified personnel (those who have electrical knowledge) .
- If any abnormality or failure was detected in the products. Stop using it immediately and contact Kikusui or Kikusui agent.
- Make sure the AC input voltage setting and the fuse ratings are satisfied and that there is no abnormality in the AC power cable.

Be sure to unplug the power cable before checking the voltage setting, fuse ratings and AC cable.

Do not remove the cover.

### ■ Installation

- Be sure the environmental condition where the products to be installed meets all requirements listed in the operation manual.
- Connect the ground terminal ⊕ to electrical ground (safety ground) .
- When supplying power to the products from a switchboard, be sure work is performed by a qualified and licensed electrician or is conducted under the direction of such a person.
- Be sure to use the input power cable that is included along with this products from factory. Consult Kikusui or Kikusui agent if other cable than included is to be used by some reason.

### ■ Maintenance and inspection

- To prevent electric shock, be absolutely sure to unplug the power cable before perform maintenance or inspection.
- Do not remove the cover when performing maintenance or inspection. Consult Kikusui or Kikusui agent before uncover the products in case if it is so necessary.
- To maintain performance and safe operation of the product, it is recommend to conduct a periodic maintenance, inspection, cleaning, and calibration.

### ■ Relocation

- Disconnect all cables when relocate the product.
- Use two or more persons when relocate the product which weights more than 20 kg. The weight of the products can be found in this operation manual.
- Be careful of harming protruded parts of the products such as output terminals, terminal boards or heatsinks when moving.
- Use extra precautions such as using more people when relocating into or out of present locations including inclines or steps. Also handle carefully when relocating tall products as they can fall over easily.
- Be sure the operation manual are included whenever the product is moved, relocated or possession is passed to another party.

If your have any questions, contact Kikusui or Kikusui agent.



## Use of Operation Manual

- Please read through and understand this Operation Manual before operating the product. After reading, always keep the manual nearby so that you may refer to it as needed. When moving the product to another location, be sure to bring the manual as well.
- If you find any incorrectly arranged or missing pages in this manual, they will be replaced. If the manual it gets lost or soiled, a new Operation Manual can be purchased. In either case, please contact your Kikusui agent, and provide the "Kikusui Part No." given on this page.
- This manual has been prepared with the utmost care; however, if you have any questions, or note any errors or omissions, please contact your Kikusui agent.

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## Power Requirements of this Product

Power requirements of this product have been changed and the relevant sections of the Operation Manual should be revised accordingly. (Revision should be applied to items indicated by a check mark ✓.)

### ☐ Input voltage

The input voltage of this product is \_\_\_\_\_ VAC,  
and the voltage range is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ VAC.

Use the product within this range only.

### ☐ Input fuse

The rating of this product's input fuse is  
\_\_\_\_\_ A, \_\_\_\_\_ VAC, and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **WARNING**

- To avoid electrical shock, always disconnect the AC power cable or turn off the switch on the switchboard before attempting to check or replace the fuse.
- Use a fuse element having a shape, rating, and characteristics suitable for this product. The use of a fuse with a different rating or one that short circuits the fuse holder may result in fire, electric shock, or irreparable damage.

## Power Requirements of this Product (cont'd)

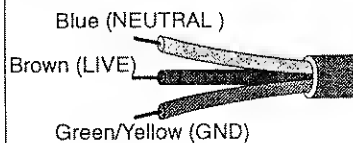
### ☐ AC power cable

The product is provided with AC power cables described below. If the cable has no power plug, attach a power plug or crimp-style terminals to the cable in accordance with the wire colors specified in the drawing.

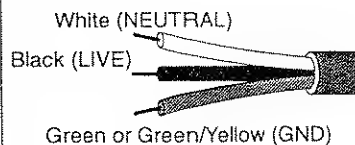
#### **WARNING**

- The attachment of a power plug or crimp-style terminals must be carried out by qualified personnel.

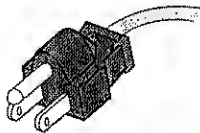
#### ☐ Without a power plug



#### ☐ Without a power plug



#### ☐ Plugs for USA



#### ☐ Plugs for Europe



#### ☐ Provided by Kikusui agents

Kikusui agents can provide you with suitable AC power cable. For further information, contact your Kikusui agent.

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Schematic Circuit Diagram

## 1. GENERAL

Kikusui PAB Series Regulated DC Power Supplies are compact, light, transistorized series regulator type, and provides larger current rates for its sizes. The output voltage is finely variable for a range of 0 to the rated voltage with a 10-turn potentiometer or a combination of coarse and fine adjustment potentiometers. A voltmeter and an ammeter are mounted on the front panel.

To guard against overload and shorting of the output circuit, PAB Series are incorporated with a constant-current-type current limiting circuit which operates positively. The limiting current value is continuously variable for a range of 10% ~ 100% of the rated current, and PAB Series can be used as a constant-current power supply.

Two units of the same model can be operated in parallel in a one-control mode (master-slave mode) of operation, thereby doubling the output current rating.

Up to two units can be installed on a 19-inch standard rack, using the frame and mounting brackets which are available as options.

## 2. SPECIFICATIONS

Item	Model	PAB 18-4.5	PAB 18-5.5	PAB 32-3	PAB	PAB	PAB	PAB	PAB
Input power		100V $\pm 10\%$ , 50/60 Hz single-phase AC							
Apparent input power		approx. 190 VA	approx. 220 VA	approx. 210 VA					
Ambient temperature		0 °C ~ 40 °C (32 °F ~ 104 °F)							
Dimensions (maximum dimensions)		210 W $\times$ 140 H $\times$ 149 D mm (8.27 W $\times$ 5.51 H $\times$ 5.87 D in.) 216 W $\times$ 162 H $\times$ 190 D mm (8.50 W $\times$ 6.38 H $\times$ 7.40 D in.)							
Weight		approx. 5.5 kg (12 lb.)							
Accessories		Operation manual, shorting bar, plug for parallel operation							
Terminals		Positive (red) and negative (white) terminals, horizontal positioning							
Floating voltage		$\pm 150$ V							
Output voltage		0 ~ 18 V	0 ~ 18 V	0 ~ 32 V					
Continuously variable		With coarse and fine control potentiometers							
Output current (maximum)		4.5 A	5.5 A	3 A					



Model Item	PAB 18-4.5	PAB 18-5.5	PAB 32-3	PAB	PAB	PAB	PAB	PAB	PAB
Ripples	500 $\mu$ V rms (5 Hz $\sim$ 1 MHz)								
Line voltage regulation	0.02% + 2 mV (Note 1)								
Load regulation	0.02% + 3 mV (Note 2)								
Limiting current	Continuously variable for a range of 10% 100% of rated current (constant-current operation)								
Voltmeter (full scale)	20 V	20 V	32 V						
JIS Class 2.5									
Ammeter (full scale)	5 A	6 A	3.2 A						
JIS Class 2.5									

Note 1: Against  $\pm 10\%$  change of AC line voltage

Note 2: Against 0  $\sim$  100% change of output current

### 3. EXPLANATION OF PANEL ITEMS

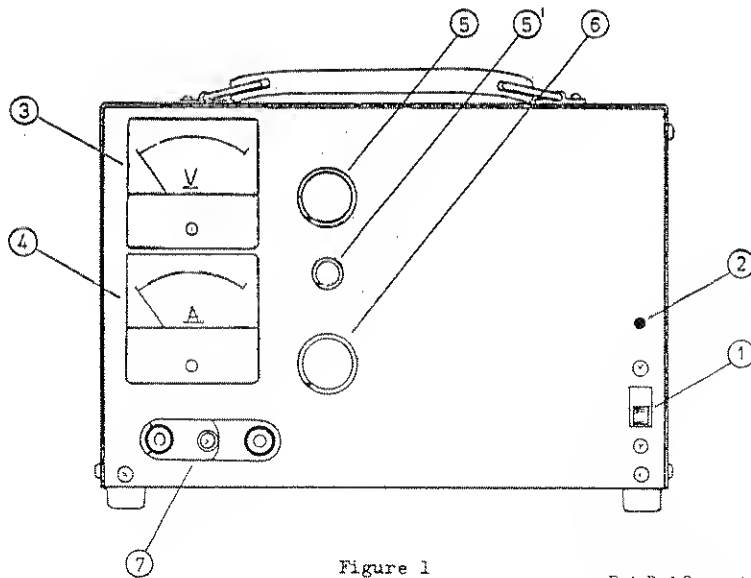


Figure 1

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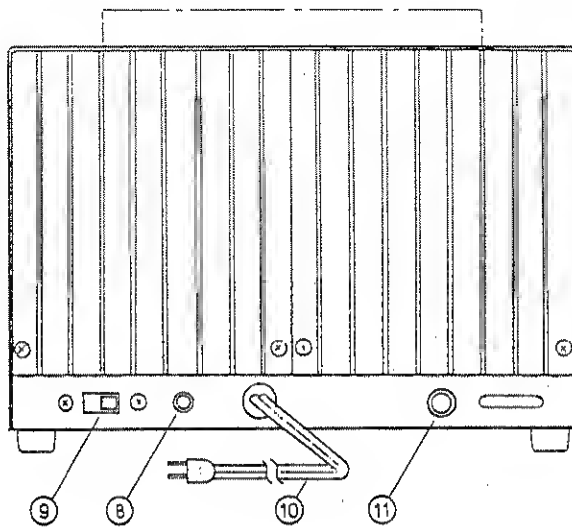


Figure 3

① POWER switch:

A slide switch for ON-OFF control of the instrument main power.

Indication: "POWER ON OFF"

② Pilot lamp:

A power pilot lamp (green LED) which turns on when the instrument is in operation.

③ Voltmeter:

A DC voltmeter which indicates the output voltage of the power supply.

④ Ammeter:

A DC ammeter which indicates the output current of the power supply.

⑤ ⑤' Output voltage control knobs:

Potentiometers for setting the output voltage at the required value.

PAB Series use a coarse adjustment potentiometer ⑤ and a fine adjustment potentiometer ⑤'.

Indication: "VOLTAGE"

"COARSE, FINE"

⑥ Output current control knob:

Sets the limiting value of the output current, within a range of 10 ~ 100% of the rated current.

Indication: "CURRENT"

⑦ Output terminals:

Binding post terminals for the output power. Normally, the positive or negative terminal is jumpered with the shorting bar to the center screw which is electrically connected to the chassis. It also is possible to provide a DC bias within the rated floating voltage with respect to ground.

⑧ Jack for parallel operation:

Jack for one-control parallel operation, by connecting with the plug (supplied). (Details of parallel operation are explained at a later part of this instruction manual.)

⑨ Master/slave switch:

Switch for selecting the master/slave unit for one-control parallel operation. (Details of parallel operation are explained at a later part of this instruction manual.)

⑩ AC cable with plug:

AC input power cable; approximately 2 meters long.

⑪ Jack for remote control:

PAB 18-5.5 only. See Section 4.5.

#### 4. OPERATION METHOD

##### 4.1 Operation

Be sure to connect the GND terminal to a good grounding earth line.

##### 4.1.1 Single Operation

The instrument can be directly used as a power supply. Ensure that the master/slave selector switch on the rear panel is set in the M (master) side.

##### 4.1.2 Series Operation

Two or more units can be operated in series in order to obtain a higher supply voltage. Note, when in this mode of operation, that the voltage of any terminal must not be higher than the rated floating voltage against chassis. When two units are connected in series, a voltage double of a single unit and a current the same with a single unit can be obtained.

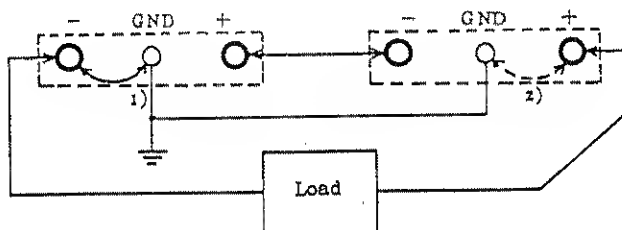


Figure 4

Connect the GND terminal as follows:

- (1) For negative grounding:

As indicated with the solid line in Figure 4.

- (2) For positive grounding:

As indicated with the dotted line in Figure 4.

Do not connect the GND terminals to terminals of different polarities.

#### 4.1.3 Overload Protection when in Series Operation

If overload is caused with two units are connected in parallel and the protection circuit of one of the two units has tripped, the output voltage of the other unit is applied to the former unit in the reverse polarity and the series control element of the former unit is destroyed. In order to prevent this, a diode is connected in the output circuit of each unit as shown in Figure 5.

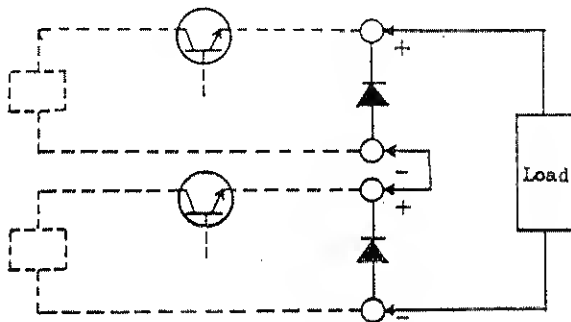


Figure 5

#### 4.1.4 Parallel Operation (one-control operation)

Two units can be connected in parallel doubled output current. When connecting the units for this operation, be sure to turn off the power switches of the units.

When in the parallel operation, one unit operates as a master unit (M) and the other as a slave unit (S). The output voltage and current are controlled by the master unit. The operating procedure is as follows:

- (1) On the rear panel of the slave unit, throw the master/slave selector switch to the "S" side.
- (2) Connect the output in parallel and connect the parallel operation jack (J4) on the rear panel of the master unit with jack (J4) of the slave unit using the plugs supplied.
- (3) Set the CURRENT knob of the slave unit in the maximum current position (extremely clockwise position). Set the VOLTAGE knob also in the maximum position.
- (4) Turn-ON the power switches.

When the above setting has been done, the output voltage and current can be controlled by the master unit. The controllable output current limit value in this case is 10% ~ 100% of twice of the current rating of one unit.

When in the one-control parallel operation, make sure that a load current of not less than 5% of the rated current flows always. If the load current becomes zero or lower than 5%, the output voltage becomes uncontrollable with the master unit and the potentiometer may be damaged.

When returning to the single unit operation, be sure to return the master/slave switch on the rear panel to the M side.

Regarding the jumper bars, connect them for positive ground or negative ground for both master and slave units. Do not connect them in different polarities. (See Figure 6.)

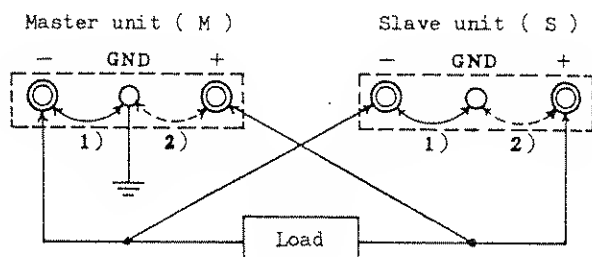


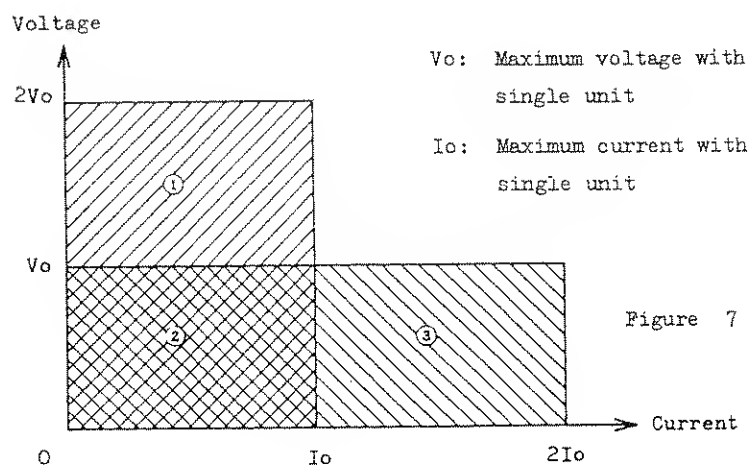
Figure 6

Up to two units of the same model of instruments can be operated in parallel. Instruments of different models cannot be operated in parallel.



Never turn-ON the power switch with the master/slave selector switch set in the S state. The instrument may be damaged if the power switch is turned-ON with the master/slave selector switch set in the S side.

The operatable ranges of two units in series or parallel connection are shown in Figure 7.



Single-unit operation: Range ②

Series operation: Range ① + ②

Parallel operation: Range ② + ③

#### 4.2 Conditions of Use

Do not use the instrument in a position where ambient temperature is not within  $0^{\circ}\text{C} \sim 40^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $32^{\circ}\text{F} \sim 104^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

When ventilation is hampered or the instrument is subjected to direct sunlight or other radiation from a heat source, reduce the output current correspondingly. Pay attention to ventilation of the radiator at a rear section of the instrument.

The normal operating AC line voltage range is 90% ~ 110% of the nominal voltage.

#### 4.3 Voltage Drop by Ammeter

The voltage drop caused by the ammeter is automatically compensated for circuitly.

#### 4.4 Current Limiting Circuit

In order to protect the series control element and output ammeter against damage which could be caused when the output circuit is short-circuited by mistake, the instrument is incorporated with an electronic output current limiting circuit which positively operates and limits the current within the preset value. The limiting value can be preset within a range of 10% ~ 100% of

the rated current. When the output current has reached the preset value, the instrument operates as a constant-current supply. When the output current has become lower than the preset value, the instrument automatically resumes its operation as a constant-voltage supply. (See Figure 8.)

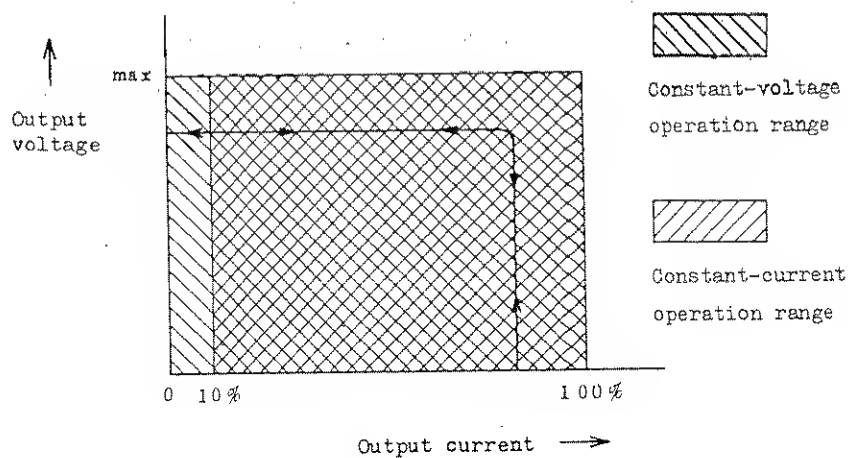


Figure 8

The current limiting circuit provides fairly good constant current regulating characteristics and the instrument can be used as a constant-current supply for most types of loads. The design figures are AC line voltage regulation about 0.1%, load regulation approximately 0.5%, and ripple factor 0.2% rms.

#### 4.5 Remote Control ( PAB-18-5.5 only )

A jack for remote control of the output voltage with an external variable resistor is provided on the rear panel of the unit.

The jack accepts a large single-head plug (EIAJ RC-707 Stereo Jack).

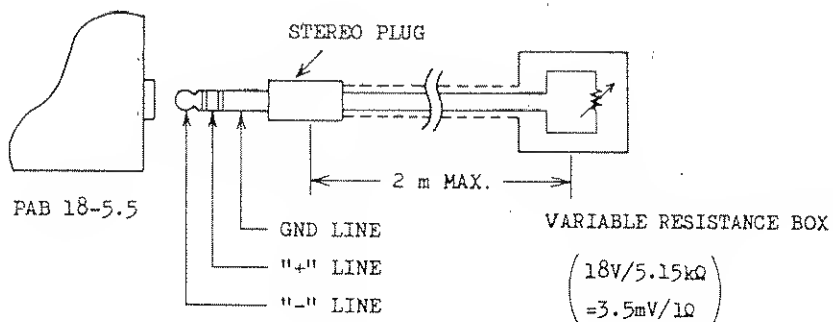


Figure 9

- 1) Connect the Stereo plug with the variable resistor box using a 2-core shielded cable as shown in Figure 9. (The length of the shielded cable should not exceed approximately 2 meters.) Connect the two core wires of the cable to the "+" and "-" lines and the shielding braid to the GND line.

The variable resistor (or fixed resistor) is approximately  $5.15k\Omega$  and should handle an output voltage of 18 V, or it

should operate with approximately  $3.5\text{mV}/1\Omega$ . Use a wire-wound or metal-film resistor of a sufficient wattage and good temperature coefficient.

- 2) Set both VOLTAGE knobs on the front panel of PAB 18-5.5 unit in the extremely counterclockwise positions.
- 3) Insert the Stereo plug in the remote control jack on the rear panel, and turn-ON the POWER switch of the unit.
- 4) If the resistance become higher than  $5.15\text{ k}\Omega$  by mistake while in the remote control operation and the output voltage becomed higher than approximately  $20\text{ V}$ , the circuit is automatically clamped out.

Model OP-2 Remote Control Box ( $5\text{ k}\Omega$ ) is available from Kikusui Electronics Corporation. this control box is capable of 3-point preset voltages electronic switching.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

When the instrument has failed and its component has been replaced or when the meter indication has become shifted, adjust the instrument as explained in this section. First, undo the seven screws and remove the cover.

### 5.1 Calibration of Output Voltmeter

With the power switch OFF, perform mechanical zero adjustment of the voltmeter. Next, connect a precision voltmeter (JIS Class 0.5 or equivalent) to the output terminals, set the output voltage at a value close to the maximum voltage, and so adjust the VM CAL potentiometer of the printed circuit board that the voltmeter indicates the same value as the precision voltmeter.

### 5.2 Calibration of Output Ammeter

Perform zero adjustment of the meter under the state that the power switch is turned ON and the instrument is operating normally in the constant-voltage mode. Connect an appropriate load and a precision ammeter (JIS Class 0.5 or equivalent) in the output circuit and calibrate the instrument ammeter by adjusting the AM CAL potentiometer of the printed circuit board.

### 5.3 Adjustment of Output Voltage

With the VOLTAGE control knobs turned to the extremely clockwise position, so adjust the EO CAL potentiometer of the printed board that the output voltage becomes approximately 105% of the rated voltage.

### 5.4 Adjustment of Output Current

With an ammeter connected to the output terminals and the CURRENT control knob turned to the extremely clockwise position, so adjust the IO CAL potentiometer of the printed circuit board that the current reading becomes approximately 110% of the rated current.

Do not tamper with other potentiometers.